(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken to draw up a pilot project to tap solar energy in Bellary District; and

(c) whether Karnataka Government has sent any proposal in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI M. KANNAPPAN): (a) to (c) Bellary District is among the areas in the country which receive a high level of solar radiation. There is a good potential for the use of solar energy in such areas through both the solar thermal and photovoltaic routes. Under the programmes of the Central and State Governments, about 1000 solar lanterns, a few solar pumps, street lights, solar water heaters and solar cookers have been installed in the District. No proposal pertaining to Bellary District has been received from the Karnataka Government. The Ministry of Non-Conventional Energy Sources has asked the Karnataka Renewable Energy Development Limited (KREDL), which is the nodal agency in Karnataka, to develop proposals for the wider utilization of solar energy is this district.

Implementation of NFBS and NMBS

†*738. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state;

(a) whether National Family Benefit Scheme (NFBS) and National Maternity Benefit Scheme (NMBS) are being implemented properly in the States;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) what action is proposed to be taken to ensure strict implementation of these schemes by the States; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUNDER LAL PATWA): (a) to (d) The National Family Benefit Scheme (NFBS) and National Maternity Benefit Scheme (NMBS) are; by and large, being well implemented in most States. The information showing State-wise position in respect of allocation, release, expenditure and physical achievement for the year 1999-2000 are given in the Annexure for the NFBS and NMBS [*See* Appendix 189, Annexure No. 130]

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

The performance of the State / UT Governments in implementing the schemes has been reviewed and deficiencies intimated to the State Governments concerned for taking necessary steps to improve the same. The Department of Rural Development have also written to all the Districts in this regard. Liaison with the State Nodal Secretaries / State Nodal Departments will continue during the current year and officials of the Department, including the Area Officers, would continue to visit the State / Districts for this purpose.

Composition of NHRC

*739. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Member of the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) at present alongwith the qualifications / experiences prescribed for their appointment;

(b) how many of them fulfil the requisite experience / qualification; and

(c) what are perks and retirement age of members and Chairman of the Said Commission?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a) and (b) The National Human Rights Commission has a Chairperson and four Members. The names of Chairperson and Members of the Commission are as follows:—

Sl. No.	Name and Designation	Date of appointment
1.	Justice Shri J.S. Verma, Chairperson	4.11.99
2.	Justice Dr. K. Ramaswamy, Member	16.11.98
3.	Justice Smt. Sujata V. Manohar, Member	21.2.2000
4.	Shri Sudarshan Agarwal, Member	30.10.98
5.	Shri Virendra Dayal, Member	16.11.98